

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

SMITH *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/845,157

Filed: May 1, 2001

For: **Thermostable Reverse
Transcriptases and Uses Thereof**

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**Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and in the Revised
Format of the Pre-OG Notice Dated January 31, 2003**

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **February 6, 2003**, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 15), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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